

1775
1756 Born

"Light Horse Harry" Lee was born
in 1756. He graduated from Princeton
at 19 and joined the Continental
Army in ~~1775~~ at 20 in 1776 as Captain

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1775 of Dragoons, and rose ~~to~~ in rank
and independence to Lee's light
cavalry & later Lee's leader
of cavalry and infantry. He captured
medicine, clothes, and food

Without them George Washington's encampment of 1777/78 at Valley Forge would likely not have survived. Washington became impatient and close friend, He thought he was underappreciated & resigned.

June 1775 → Nov 1779

The United States financed the Revolution with printed money. This was considered to be more desirable than taxation. Between June 1775 and Nov 1779 paper currency authorized by the Continental Congress had a total face value of more than \$240 million. In the same years, the

individual states added another \$210 million in paper. A small amount of money came from foreign loans. Taxation was insignificant.

Issuance of the paper unbacked by precious metal ruined the Continental dollar. It became worthless, inspiring the phrase, "Not worth a Continental".

May 10, 1775

Ethan Allen and his Green
Mountain Boys captured the
British-held fortress at Ticonderoga,
N. Y.

Nov 13, 1775

During the American Revolution
U.S. forces captured Montreal

Dec 22, 1775

A Continental naval fleet was
organized in the rebellious
American colonies

Dec 31, 1775

The British repulsed an attack
by Continental Army general
Richard Montgomery and Benedict
Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery
was killed

Nov. 10

1775

The U.S. Marines were organized
under authority of the Continental
Congress.

April 18, 1775

Contrary to popular belief, the lantern that was hung from the steeple of Boston's Old North Church the night before the American Revolution began was a message, FROM Paul Revere, not to him.

He had the lantern lit as a signal to patriots across the river in Charlestown.

that he had not left Boston to meet
with them. The light served as
an advance warning that a
British expedition was about to
set out, but it provided no detail;
these would be provided when
Revere reached Charlestown.

1775

When the Revolutionary War began in 1775, Virginia (most populous colony) had more than 500,000 people and Maryland, 250,000. African slaves constituted about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the population of these colonies.

Sept 25, 1775

American Revolutionary War
hero Ethan Allen was
captured by the British as
he led an attack on Montreal

Aug. 22, 1775

King George III of England proclaimed
the American colonies in a
state of open rebellion,

Oct. 13, 1775

The U.S. Navy had its
origins as the Continental Congress
ordered the construction of a
naval fleet.